

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD. _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994

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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Elmgrove School (District No. 12)
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 463 Elmgrove Road (northwest corner of Elmore Drive)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Leo & Helen Quanz ADDRESS: 1679 Hilton-Parma Road
Spencerport, NY 14559
6. USE: Original: School Present: Apartments
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private apartments

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☒ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: Concrete fdn.
Asphalt roof shingles. Copper sheet roofing at front, gabled roof.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☐
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) Steel frame with exterior brick veneer.
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☐ c. fair ☒ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This building comes with the problem of the changed windows. Let's make it a 'green plus' with the stipulation that with sensitive rehabilitation it could be a 'red.' This was really an architect-designed building and has inherent quality to it. It would be nice if it was restored." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green plus

+

14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known [] b. zoning [] c. roads []
d. developers [] e. deterioration []
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn [] b. carriage house [] c. garage []
d. privy [] e. shed [] f. greenhouse []
g. shop [] h. gardens []
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: Asphalt parking lot to the west.

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land [] b. woodland []
c. scattered buildings []
d. densely built-up [X] e. commercial []
f. industrial [] g. residential [X]
h. other: Wooded area to the north.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1923 (cornerstone)

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Educational: Former school building.

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Building converted to apartments in early 1960s. Most of the exterior changes listed below appear to date from that time.

Front (east) elevation: Most of the original windows have been removed, the openings filled, aluminum siding installed, and smaller double-hung windows installed. Jalousie windows added at front door.

South elevation: Former side entrance has been partially filled with concrete block and a smaller door installed. Replacement casement windows at first floor. Gable end appears to be vinyl sided.

Rear (west) elevation: Flat-roofed, concrete block entrance enclosure and shed-roofed stair enclosure added. One of the basement windows has been filled with concrete block. Replacement casement windows at first floor.

North elevation: One of the windows is covered with plywood; another window opening is partially filled with plywood and has two double-hung replacement windows. Replacement casement windows at first floor. Gable end appears to be vinyl sided.

17. The Elmgrove School is located on a 1.0 acre lot at the northwest corner of Elmgrove Road and Elmore Drive in the southwest quadrant of the town. The property has a deep setback from the street with a large lawn at the front, east, and south sides. The front elevation faces Elmgrove Road. An asphalt parking lot is located behind the building to the west. The surrounding neighborhood is residential with post World War II ranch and two-story capes located on Elmore Drive and a mix of late-nineteenth-century through post World War II houses along Elmgrove Road. There is a small wooded area north of the school building.

18. The Elmgrove School is a one-story, Colonial Revival style brick school building with wood trim. A concrete watertable wraps around the building above the raised basement. The main block is rectangular in plan with a low-pitched, side-gabled roof. Extending from this block at the north and south ends are two hipped roof wings. A front-gabled, pedimented pavilion projects from the center of the facade. A wooden entablature with a brick parapet above is located on the front and side elevations.

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The original windows on the first floor of the facade have been removed and the openings partially covered with aluminum siding, and smaller six-over-six, double-hung replacement windows installed.

Steps lead up to the main entrance in the center of the facade. The pavilion features pairs of full-height, fluted, Doric pilasters framing the entrance, with a pediment above. The pair of wood doors at the entrance have recessed panels in the lower part with modern jalousie windows above. The entrance has a simple wood surround with a projecting cornice supported by decorative brackets. Above this is a large transom with two windows, each divided into three lights. Carved into the wooden frieze is the building name, "ELMGROVE SCHOOL". An oval window with delicate tracery is located in the center of the pediment. Oval windows can also be found on the north and south elevations of the pavilion.

The basement retains the original three-over-one, double-hung wood windows in the end bays, while the bays on either side of the pavilion have been partially covered with aluminum siding. The cornerstone with the date, 1923, is located at northeast corner. Concrete steps lead to the basement entrance beneath the pavilion. This entrance features a pair of multipaned French doors.

20. The Elmgrove School, built in 1923, is architecturally significant as a representative example of early-twentieth-century public architecture in the town of Greece. The building is also historically significant for its role in the development of the town's school system.

The elegant Colonial Revival style of the school was applied to the requirements of twentieth-century standardized school design. Colonial Revival characteristics include a symmetrical facade with a projecting central pavilion and classical detailing including Doric pilasters, a pediment, and an entablature. Certain elements of the school's design are representative of the national movement toward standardized school design beginning in the early twentieth century. By 1900, new ideas about health and safety led architects to introduce certain features into the design of schools. A number

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of solutions to the problems of fire safety, heating, ventilation, and lighting became standardized in practice. Between 1910 and 1920, the major features of these schools were adopted by laws and codes aimed at ensuring that schools would be safely constructed, healthy places.

The front elevation once had large banks of windows (now filled in) which provided proper lighting for the classrooms. The use of a steel frame with brick veneer represents the concern for fire safety in the design of the building.

The Elmgrove School was built in 1923 to serve the students living in District #12 in the southwest part of town. Prior to the opening of this school building, classes were held at the red brick school house at "Henpeck" on 394 Elmgrove Road (see inventory form). The Elmgrove School was converted into apartments in the early 1960s.

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